

**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION - PROPOSED RULES**

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**Title 5, Division 4, Chapter 1, California Code of Regulations**

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**Section 30007. College Grade Point Average; Community College Grade Point Average**

- (a) General. "College grade point average" and "community college grade point average" mean a grade point average calculated on the basis of all college work completed, except for nontransferable units and courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree. "All college work completed" includes all coursework for which grades are known to the official reporting the grade point average and accepted for credit at the school reporting the grade point average regardless of the grade received. A college grade point average or a community college grade point average must be computed for a minimum of 24 semester units or its equivalent regardless of the grade received. It is the responsibility of the student applicant to have his or her college or community college report a grade point average.
- (b) College Grade Point Average.
- (1) For purposes of computing a college grade point average by an institution that grants a baccalaureate degree, "nontransferable units" and "courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree" are those courses which do not earn credit for a baccalaureate degree from the reporting institution.
- (2) For purposes of computing a college grade point average by a postsecondary institution that grants an associate degree, "nontransferable units" and "courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree" are those courses which do not earn credit for an associate degree at the reporting institution.
- (3) For purposes of computing a college grade point average by a postsecondary institution that does not grant a baccalaureate or an associate degree:
- (A) "nontransferable units" are those units which are not used in satisfying requirements for earning a baccalaureate degree from a California public institution of higher education that grants such a degree.
- (B) "courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree" are any courses for which the earned grade is not used in the computation of a grade point average in determining admission eligibility, whether or not units earned for the course are transferable to such an institution.
- (c) Community College Grade Point Average
- For purposes of computing a community college grade point average for a Cal Grant Award pursuant to the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Act, "nontransferable units" and "courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree" means all courses except "Associate Degree Credit Courses" as defined by Title 5, Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 55002(a) of the California Code of Regulations.
- (d) Certification. Every college grade point average and community college grade point average reported to the Commission shall include a certification under penalty of perjury to the best of his or her knowledge from the school official filing the report that the grade point average is accurately reported. The certification shall include a statement that it is subject to review by the Commission or its designee.

Note: Authority Cited: Section 69433.7, Education Code. Reference: Section 69432.7(d), Education Code.

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**Section 30008. High School Grade Point Average**

"High school grade point average" means a grade point average calculated on a 4.0 scale, using all academic coursework, for the sophomore year, the summer following the sophomore year, the junior year, and the summer following the junior year, excluding physical education, reserve officer training corps (ROTC), and remedial courses. However, for high school graduates who apply after their senior year, "high school grade point average" includes senior year coursework, excluding physical education, reserve officer training corps (ROTC), and remedial courses. Grade point averages shall only include the most recent grade for any course repeated by a student.

"High School" means a secondary school accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), or another regional accrediting association if the secondary school is not in the WASC region, or which has a University of California approved course list. Applicants who do not have a grade point average from a high school shall provide a test score from the General Educational Development test (GED), the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

Every high school grade point average reported to the Commission shall include a certification under penalty of perjury from the school official filing the report that the grade point average is accurately reported to the best of his or her knowledge. The certification shall include a statement that it is subject to review by the Commission or its designee. It is the responsibility of the applicant to have his or her high school grade point average reported.

Note: Authority Cited: Section 69433.7, Education Code. Reference: Section 69432.7(h), Education Code.

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**Section 30009. Qualifying Institution**

(a) A "Qualifying Institution" means an institution as defined by Education Code section 69432.7(l).

(b) An institution qualifying pursuant to section 69432.7(l)(1) must be participating in the Federal Pell Grant program and in at least two of the three federal campus-based programs specifically listed in subdivisions (A), (B) and (C) of that section. "Participating in federal campus-based programs" means the school has been allocated funds and is spending those funds at each California site which Cal Grant recipients attend.

(c) (1) An institution qualifying pursuant to section 69432.7(l)(2) means a postsecondary nonprofit institution headquartered and operating in California which:

(A) certifies to the Commission that 10 percent of the institution's operating budget is expended for institutionally funded student financial aid in the form of grants; and

(B) demonstrates to the Commission that it has the administrative capacity to administer the funds; and

(C) is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges; and

(D) meets such other standards adopted by regulation by the Commission in consultation with the Department of Finance.

(2) A regionally accredited institution that was deemed qualified by the Commission to participate in the Cal Grant Program for the 2000-01 academic year shall retain its eligibility as long as it maintains its existing accreditation status.

(d) A qualified institution or a specific site of an otherwise qualified institution will be deemed disqualified if it no longer possesses all of the requirements for a qualified institution.

(e) An institution that becomes disqualified pursuant to Part 600 of Title 34 Code of Federal Regulations shall not be a "qualified institution" pursuant to this section.

(f) An institution disqualified pursuant to this section may become a "qualifying institution" by complying with Education Code section 69432.7(l) and this section.

Note: Authority Cited: Section 69433.7, Education Code. Reference: Section 69432.7(l), Education Code.

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**Section 30023. In Lieu Test Scores; Grace Period**

All Cal Grant A and B applicants shall submit a grade point average pursuant to section 30007, 30008 or 30026. For a Competitive Cal Grant award pursuant to Article 5 (beginning with Education Code section 69437) of the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Act, a student who does not have a grade point average pursuant to section 30007 or 30008 or whose grade point average is more than 5 years old may submit a test score from the General Educational Development test (GED), the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). It is the responsibility of the applicant to have a grade point average or test score reported.

A standardized test score for each approved test shall be converted to an equivalent grade point average by the Commission using the national distribution of test scores as compared to the distribution of grade point averages on a 0.00 to 4.00 scale. The grade point equivalencies shall be calculated based upon research from the testing agency for each approved test.

The Commission may, on a case-by-case basis, accept the submission of grade point average(s) from institutions after the established deadline if, in the opinion of the Executive Director, circumstances beyond the control of the applicant delayed or prevented the timely submission of the grade point average(s) by the reporting institution(s) by the established deadline. In such cases, any request to the Executive Director to accept grade point average(s) after the established deadline must be received by the Commission no later than twenty (20) days after the established deadline and the computed grade point average(s) must be included with the request.

Applicants or officials who submit a timely but incomplete or incorrect grade point average shall have a grace period of ten (10) days after the mailing of notice by the Commission to file a corrected or completed grade point average. A corrected or completed submission postmarked within the 10 day period shall be deemed to comply with this requirement.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 69432.9(c) and 69433.7, Education Code. Reference: Section 69432.9(c), Education Code.

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**Section 30024. Cal Grant B Entitlement Criteria**

A Cal Grant B Entitlement award for first year tuition and fees plus the access grant as defined and limited by Education Code section 69435(a)(3) shall be given to applicants based upon consideration of the following factors:

- (a) Applicants with the lowest expected family contribution determined pursuant to Education Code Section 69432.7; and applicants with the highest level of academic merit as indicated by their high school grade point average and/or submitted test scores;
- (b) Additional factors to be considered shall include any of the following:
  - (1) Whether the applicant is an orphan or ward of the court or was a ward of the court at the age of eighteen;
  - (2) The level of education attainment of the applicant's parents;
  - (3) The number of family members in the applicant's household in relation to the household income; and
  - (4) Whether the applicant comes from a single parent household or is a single parent.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 69435(a)(3) and 69433.7, Education Code. Reference: Section 69435(a)(3), Education Code.

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**Section 30025. Cal Grant A and B Competitive Award Selection Criteria**

A Cal Grant A or B Competitive Award shall give special consideration to applicants who are disadvantaged students taking into consideration those financial, educational, cultural, language, home, community, environmental, and other conditions that hamper access to, and ability to persist in, postsecondary education programs. The extent to which an applicant is considered disadvantaged shall be determined based on the following:

- (1) Whether the applicant is an orphan or ward of the court or was a ward of the court at the age of eighteen;
- (2) The level of education attainment of the applicant's parents;
- (3) The number of family members in the applicant's household in relation to the household income; and
- (4) Whether the applicant comes from a single parent household or is a single parent.

Note: Authority Cited: Section 69433.7, Education Code. Reference: Section 69437, Education Code.

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**Section 30026. Reestablishing Grade Point Average**

An applicant seeking to reestablish his or her grade point average pursuant to Education Code section 69437.6(c) may do so by providing a grade point average computed pursuant to Section 30007(c) for at least 16 academic semester units or its equivalent from an accredited California community college. It is the responsibility of the applicant to have his or her community college report a grade point average.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 69433.7 and 69437.6(c), Education Code. Reference: Section 69437.6(c), Education Code.

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**Section 30027. Occupational Talents Criteria**

An applicant seeking to establish "occupational talents" pursuant to Education Code section 69439 may do so by submitting any of the following on a Commission approved supplemental form:

- (a) applicant's work history (including unpaid internships) in the field; and/or
- (b) recommendations from teachers or persons working in the applicant's occupational or technical field.

Note: Authority Cited: Section 69433.7, Education Code. Reference: Section 69439(c), Education Code.